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Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce): London, 446.625; Paris, 457.13; Frankfurt, 450.00; Zurich, 446.50; Hong Kong, 444.07.

Brazil guaranteed

BRASILIA, Brazil, Dec. 12 (AP) — Brazil received a pledge Tuesday of guaranteed oil supplies from Iraq. Brazilian officials said no conditions were imposed in exchange for the oil guarantee.

Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeh Abdul Karim told President Joao Figueiredo and top aides that Iraq wants "to help Brazil," and said that "Brazil will have priority as long as it is within our possibilities," according to Iraq's ambassador to Brazil, Zaid Haider.

Iranians said in Lebanon

HASBAYA, Lebanon, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — About 50 masked gunmen — some believed to be Iranian — scouted three Lebanese villages Wednesday, a security official said, raising fears that Iranian volunteers were preparing to enter the troubled region.

Reports that armed Iranians would come to Lebanon to fight Israel have drawn opposition from the government and warnings of retaliation from Israel and its rightist Lebanese Christian allies in the south.

Villagers said that gunners of rebel Lebanese army Maj. Saad Haddad, the Christian leader, shelled three Palestinian and Nationalist Lebanese positions overnight.

A security official in this southwestern Lebanese village said the masked gunmen drove in 10 cars through the villages of Hasbaya, Chouaya and Ain Qenya, all about three to five miles from the Israeli border.

"They looked around briefly and drove out of the villages to an unknown destination northward," he told the Associated Press.

The three villages are near the 500-square-mile southern area policed by the 6,000-strong United Nations interim force in Lebanon, which is attempting to keep peace between the Israelis and Palestinian guerrillas.

The U.N. spokesman in Beirut could not be reached for comment on whether or not the villages are in the UNIFIL area. The security official said the gunmen did not pass through UNIFIL checkpoints.

Iranian revolutionary leader Hojjatulislam Muhammad Montazari declared Dec. 4 that 10,000 Iranian volunteers would be flown to South Lebanon to fight alongside Palestinian commandos against Israel.

Meanwhile, in Damascus Syrian officials declined to comment Wednesday on the question of the Iranian volunteers.

But they said that Syria adhered to the resolutions of the Tunis Arab summit last month on Lebanon.

Iraqi oil supplies

Later, Karim told a news conference that he hoped Brazil would act soon to permit the PLO to open an office in Brasilia, the Brazilian capital, although he said the subject was "purely a decision of the Brazilian government."

Government statistics here indicate that by the end of the year Brazil will have imported about \$ 6.4 billion of crude oil, almost half of that amount from Iraq.

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Italian slander campaign behind halt of oil to ENI

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 — Saudi Arabia has suspended its government to government oil deal with Italy because of "Italian press slanders against the Kingdom," Petroleum Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taber has confirmed.

The 100,000 barrel per day, 30-month agreement under which the Kingdom was supplying oil to the Italian state oil firm ENI was suspended last week, he said. But in an interview with *Al-Jazirah*, Taber firmly denied that Petromin or any of its officials had taken a commission on the deal.

Italian press reports have linked Saudi nationals and Italian politicians to the \$ 120 million commission paid by ENI on the deal, but Taber said that what was done with that money was purely an internal Italian matter and in no way involved Saudi Arabia.

"We have only an official agreement to sell the oil at the official rate and we take from them only the official rate of \$ 1.8 a barrel," he said. "We are not a party to this matter. Petromin nor any of its officials did not and would not accept any commission from anyone. If anything like this was proved on any Petromin official, it would be a crime," he said.

He went on to say that if any Italians took commissions on the oil deal that is their own business, but no reason for bringing in Kingdom into the matter. The Italian parliament has been told that

Swiss mission due tomorrow

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 — A Swiss delegation led by Fritz Honegger, the minister of economic affairs, arrives here Friday for a visit that includes the meetings in Riyadh of the Saudi-Swiss Joint Commission.

Two potentially significant figures will be in the same party, Fritz Leutwiler, the chairman of the Swiss National Bank, and Benedict von Tschamer, Honegger's advisor on energy affairs and the Swiss representative to the International Energy Agency. Between Iran and Caracas, investment and oil pricing will be of interest.

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Millions donated to victims' fund

Wednesday with messages from the King for a number of Gulf rulers.

He will be carrying messages to Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahayan of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Khalifa ibn Hamad Al-Thani of Qatar, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah of Kuwait and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

In Riyadh, those giving to the fund headed by Prince Miteb included members of the Royal family and citizens from all walks of life.

Gifts so far have included: A house given by Prince Abdullah, deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; SR1 million by Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz and his family plus his house in Jeddah; SR1 million by Prince Naif, interior minister; SR1 million by Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh; SR1 million by Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz; anonymously SR1 million; Talal Amin Ghazzawi, and Muhammad Abdulla Al-Saleh; SR250,000 each; Abdul Haye Saleh Al-Saleh and Owayda Muhammad Al-Saleh & Party SR250,000 each; Abdulla Muhammad Al-Sabahian SR25,000; Abdulla Ibrahim Al-Dokhi and sons SR15,000; anonymously SR10,000; Muhammad Mansour Al-Rumaihi, Ahmed Muhammad Issa and Hamad ibn Saad Ibrahim SR10,000 each; Muhammad Hassan Ghaleb Al-Ulaimi, Nasser Muhammad Al-Omran, Abdil Contracting Establishment and Muhammad An'am Nasser SR5,000 each.

King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd received a large number of citizens at the Al-Mazaar Palace here, and the King thanked them all for the unity and support they showed during the recapturing of the mosque.

Meanwhile, Minister of Housing and Public Works Prince Miteb said the fund he is administering for the survivors of soldiers killed during the operation at the mosque has received contributions of over SR18 million in just a week.

Prince Miteb was appointed last week by the King to head the special fund, and he and his children have contributed SR2 million.

The largest single donor so far has been the National Commercial Bank, which donated SR10 million.

At his audience with the citizens, King Khaled not only received their congratulations on the end of the mosque siege, but also listened to their pleas and requests on other subjects.

He gave instructions to authorities to take necessary action in each case.

Meanwhile, Deputy Foreign Minister Sheik Abdul Aziz Al-Thanayan left Jeddah

20% housing loan incentive offered on timely repayment

RIYADH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Saudi citizens who repay their government housing loans on time will be eligible for a 20 per cent rebate on each installment, the Finance and National Economy Ministry announced Wednesday.

However, in its announcement, the ministry said that if installments are not paid within 30 days of the date due late payers will not be eligible for the rebates.

The 20 per cent rebate will apply to all those who have borrowed money to build their own homes, regardless of income.

Those whose installments were due prior to the issuance of the announcement will have 90 days to pay in order to become eligible for the rebate, the ministry said.

And those who have already paid the whole amount will also be entitled to the rebates, and those who have partially paid off their loans will find that the 20 per cent rebate on previous installments will be deducted from the money owed on future repayments.

However, the ministry warned, if a bor-

rrower fails to meet three consecutive installments, he not only would forfeit all rights to any 20 per cent rebate, but the whole sum outstanding on the loan would then become due.

And if he was unable to meet that block payment, the real estate fund would then have the right to sell the house to recover its money.

If a borrower pays back the whole loan in one lump sum, the ministry said, there will be an additional 10 per cent rebate on top of the 20 per cent.

Those who have already paid one or more installments would be able to claim the additional rebate by paying all remaining money owed in a lump sum, but the extra rebate would only apply to money paid in that month.

Those who have already paid off their loans will not benefit from the extra ten per cent rebate, regardless of whether or not they paid in one lump sum, but they would be eligible for the 20 per cent rebate, the ministry said.

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the \$ 120 million commission was paid to a Panamanian holding company, and that an investigation is pending on whether any Italian political figures are involved.

Newspapers there have said that a number of politicians in Italy received portions of the commission money. Taber said the rumors and "outrages against the Kingdom in general and Petromin in particular" were responsible for the cancellation of the sale.

"Since we cannot at all accept such rumors and clamor against us, the government has decided to suspend the pumping, effective Dec. 4," he said. "We are not a party to the media rumors against the Italian company nor do we have any link with these. What concerns us is to stop supplies after indications about the commission uproar and political as well as personal accusations."

"We are neither a party to it, nor did we cause this uproar," he added. He said that Petromin agreed to the supply agreement with ENI after a great deal of insistence from Italy, "and the outcome of this was uproar and rumor. A reaction from our side became inevitable and therefore our government ordered the suspension."

"We act on the orders of the government. Petromin cannot sign any agreement for the oil sales without written permission from the government."



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Deputy interior minister says

Conscription order expected soon

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 — Deputy minister of the Interior Ibrahim Al-Awaji says that an order to resume conscription will be issued soon.

He told *Al-Medina* that compulsory military service was a national objective, not only to create a large and advanced manpower base to defend the Kingdom, but also to develop young men. It is an educational policy, he said, intended to provide society with firm, stable and serious men. He emphasized that the Sharia is the legal and moral basis for life in Saudi Arabia, and it is capable of preserving the security of society if people comply honestly with laws.

He added that the medals given to security men who participated in fighting the attackers of the Holy Haram in Mecca were symbols of their work to preserve the security of the Kingdom in a time when the people of the area are passing through an unsettled and complicated situation.

Awaji said the Saudi-Iraqi agreement on Gulf security was a mark of the fraternal relations and common interests between the two countries, and that Saudi Arabia was working on other agreements with Gulf states and

Prince Naif has called for an Arab Interpol, and there was noticeable progress on the idea.

At the seventh conference for police commissioners, held in Doha in April, Saudi Arabia proposed uniting police departments and planning for security in fighting crime. There were increasing efforts in cooperation against crime, Awaji said.

The computer project at the Ministry of the Interior, he said, is a unique system in the Arab World. It will facilitate procedures for obtaining driving licenses and passports, for accuracy in counting pilgrimage figures, as well as in fighting crime. Saudi Arabians were being trained to operate, manage and maintain it, Awaji added.

The ministry will have to send about 400 people abroad to study computer science. A training

center had been established in the Kingdom, and everything is going according to schedule, he said.

The conference of Arab Ministers of the Interior, to be held in Saudi Arabia shortly, will concentrate on promoting cooperation among Arab countries in security and fighting crime. Preparations for the conference were progressing, on the instructions of Prince Naif, Awaji stressed.

With the present economic situation and the development in the country many people were coming with the intention of remaining here illegally, he said.

The government has taken the same steps as are applied in all other countries to fight the illegal presence. At the same time it gives all the help it can to those performing man said.

Brazil gives Muslims land

BRASILIA, Dec. 12 (SPA) — The government of Brazil has given 22,500 square meters of land to its Muslim community. In a celebration for the occasion, the deeds of the site were handed to Saudi Arabian Ambassador Mamoun Kabbani. He had originally requested the Brazilian government grant to Muslims.



Ibrahim Al-Awaji

ing their religious duties. But some people take advantage of that help to stay or work here.

Campaigns for deporting illegal residents, were no more than natural and legal treatment. It was the responsibility of all citizens to help the government in applying the law, but some people hide people without residence permits or try to defend their right to stay in the Kingdom, Awaji said.

Asked about the effectiveness of campaigns, and whether the government had other ways of dealing with the matter, Awaji declared that the policy of deporting illegal residents was a firm principle of the government, but there were various methods.

The computer project would help to restrict immigrants and only to employ those with legal residence permits. The public shoulders a great burden of the responsibility toward those who come under the cover for Pilgrimage or a visit to the holy places. Most crimes are committed by these people, who feel that they are outlaws, he said.

The newspaper complained that taxi drivers disregard official prices, the Traffic Department does not care and the public has given up. What was the solution, it wondered?

Awaji replied that the ministry is taking the matter seriously. The use of taxi meters was a possible solution, and by providing public transport which covers cities thoroughly and regularly, taxis will be forced to behave better.

Yet that does not excuse traffic police from their duty of pursuing and punishing offenders, he stressed.

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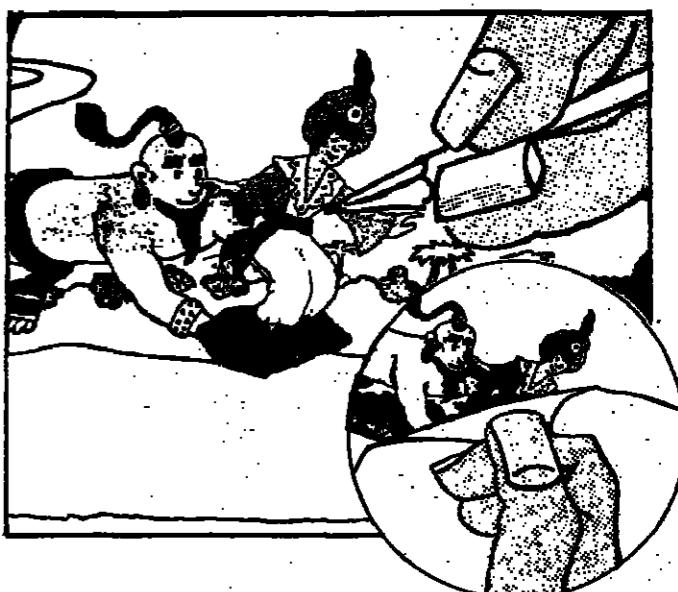
Pleasant weather throughout the Kingdom with some clouds and possible rain in the northern and western regions. Surface winds of varying directions and moderate speed. Seas will be light to medium.

Tuesday's temperatures (Maximum, minimum in centigrade)

	Mecca	29	19	Jizan	30	23
	Jeddah	28	24	Wujh	25	16
	Riyadh	29	15	Turaif	15	6
	Dhahran	25	14	Arar	15	5
	Medina	27	13	Sulayyel	29	13
	Taif	24	11	Abha	21	10

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By Sultan

Mecca heroes rules lauded

RIYADH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan has expressed his gratitude to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd for the special new rules for the welfare of those wounded and of the dependents of those killed during fighting with the renegades in the Holy Haram recently.

In his telegrams to the King and the Crown Prince, Prince Sultan thanked them on his behalf and on behalf of the men of the armed forces, and said the new rules

would leave a deep impression on all.

Deputy Commander of the National Guard Prince Badr meanwhile Wednesday received officers of the Guard who helped end the siege at the Holy Haram, along with his colleagues and soldiers of other branches of the armed forces.

The prince greeted the officers and hailed their heroic fight to liberate the Holy Haram from the renegades who had profaned it.

He conveyed to them the

appreciation and respect of King Khaled, the supreme commander, Crown Prince Fahd and Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah.

Prince Badr told the officers "I do not thank you as much as I congratulate you for the honor you earned and rightly deserved by defending God's religion and protecting our shrines."

The officers were introduced to the prince by Gen. Ibrahim Al-Rashid, Prince Badr's deputy for operations.



Prince Sultan

Assets at \$1.5 billion

Riyadh meeting told of Gulf bank success

RIYADH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — The Gulf International Bank now has assets of \$ 1.5 billion, a board meeting here opened by Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency Governor Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Quraishi was told Wednesday.

Heavy rain falls

DAMMAM, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Heavy rain fell Tuesday in Wadi Al-Saman, Wadi Al-Miyah, and surrounding areas and continued to Wednesday morning. It caused flooding in wadis in the area.

The chairman of the board, Bahrain Monetary Agency Director-General Abdullah Al Seif told the meeting that the bank has made great progress. Its asset growth had been concentrated in the international markets, the most significant activity being making commercial loans to member states of the bank, other Arab and world governments. Saudi Arabia holds a share in the bank's capital.

The bank has recently opened an office in London, and it is con-

sidering expanding into the United States and the Far East, Self said.

The meeting, which lasts for two days, will discuss the move into America, as well as examining training Gulf nationals for the bank's manpower needs.

The planned budget for 1980 will be approved and activities for the near future reviewed. Some senior positions will be appointed. Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Oman and the Kingdom are represented.

Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman later Wednesday received delegates to the board meeting.

Meanwhile, the budget of the

Agricultural Bank of Jizan for 1979 to 1980 for loans to farmers and fishermen of the regions has been fixed at SR45 million; other borrowers have been allocated SR21.4 millions.

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Sheikh said that tender documents were now being prepared.

For education help

Palestinians thank Fahd

RIYADH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Maj. Gen. Abdul Rahman Khalifawi, chairman of the Supreme Committee for the Welfare of Palestinian Martyrs Families, has sent a cable of thanks to Crown Prince Fahd for the \$ 2 million given by the Kingdom. The

Khalifawi said that Saudi Arabia has helped in accommodating about 10,000 students.

Saudi Comment

By Fatima Shaker
Asharq Al-Awsat

taken as an ill of the community but merely as a case of personal aberration. But when a Muslim does that he is taken to represent the entire world of Islam.

I also question the scientific morality and freedom of thought of the West when it comes to assessing or even publishing their studies on Islam. Many of their painstaking scholarly researches are not even made public for fear of proving that their apprehensions of Islam as an adequate solution of human problems were justified.

So how should we react to such thinking? I do not believe we should give rein to our emotions by burning embassies and kidnapping people. We should firmly reject the Western duality of moral behavior when it comes to the Muslim world. We should refuse to accept the set of values with which they view us. The West still bases its appeal for human rights on the requirements of one race, while denying them to other races.

We need unity and solidarity with our leaders and those responsible for guiding us along the path of good and virtue.

Within four months

Riyadh embassy area housing to be let

RIYADH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Designs have been completed for 600 housing units for Foreign Ministry officials here. Contracts will be awarded within four months.

Dr. Muhammad Al-Sheikh, director of the bureau of the project for moving the Foreign Ministry and embassies from Jeddah to the capital told newsmen after a meeting of the Higher Executive Committee of the project, presided over by chairman Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, that the meeting discussed a follow up report on infrastructure. Work on that phase has been under way since the end of last month.

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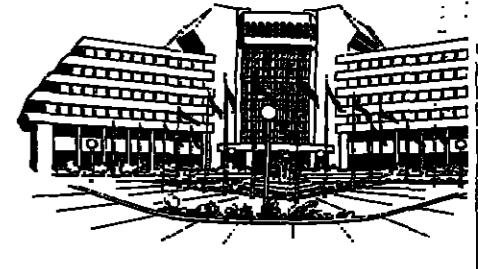
He added that work has also started on plans and designs for a government compound inside the quarter he expected that it will be ready by 1982.

He added that embassies had

told the office of the time the thought necessary to design and build their new premises. The designs could start at any time and be followed after a year or so b construction.

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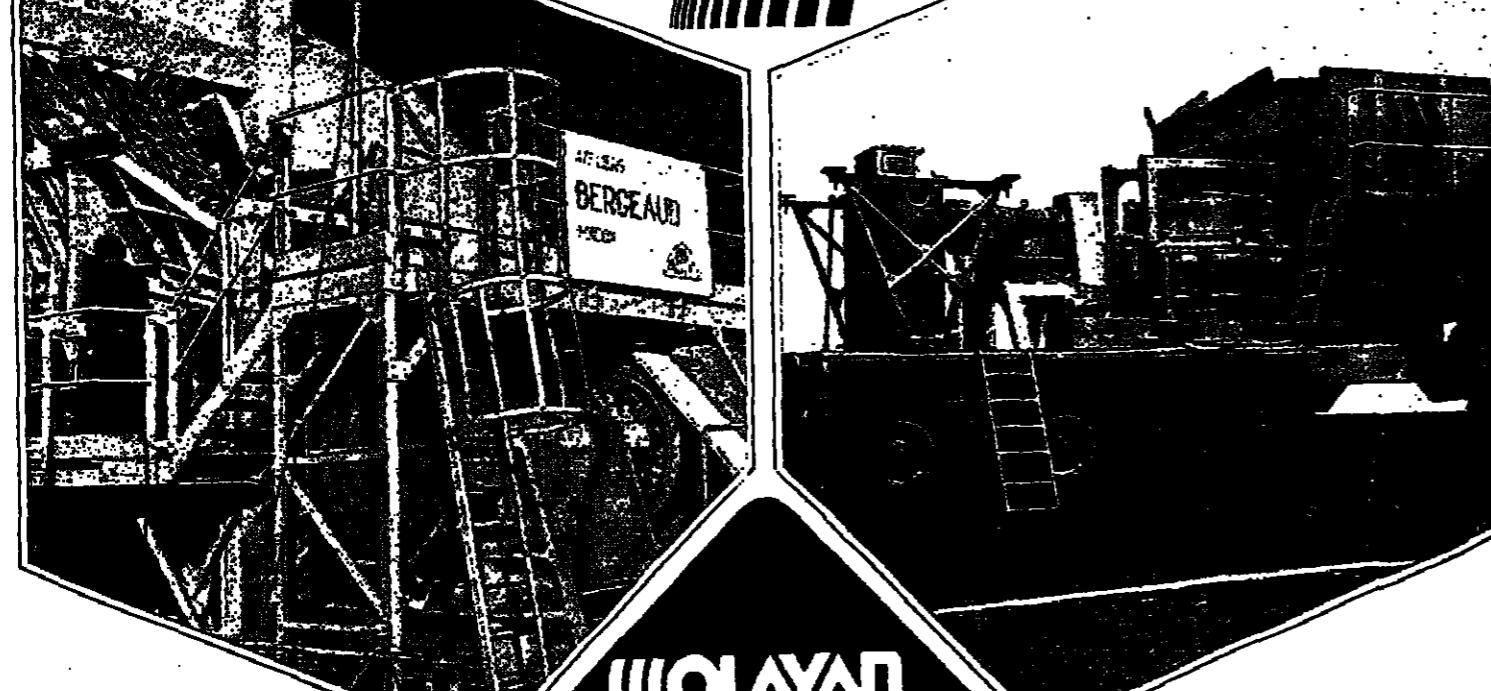
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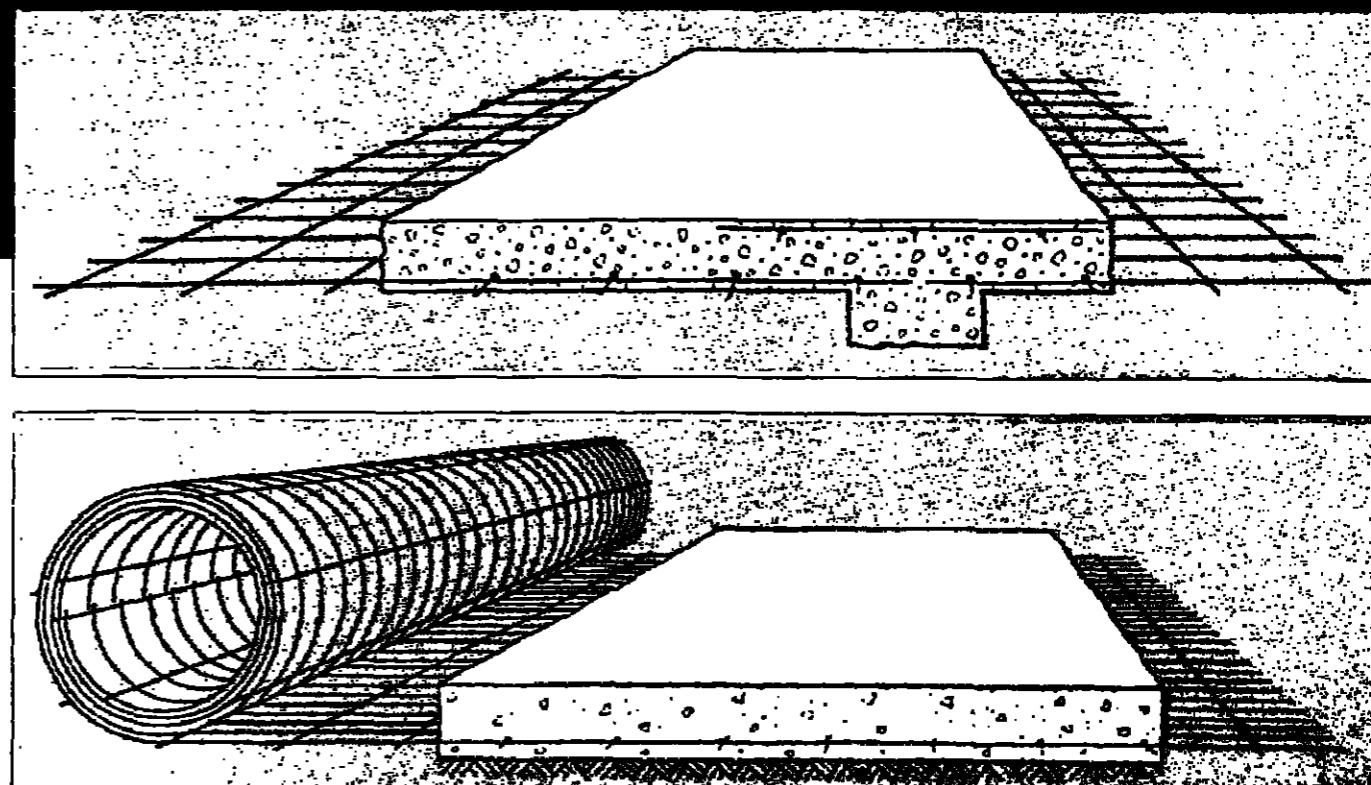
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White House Years

Sadat expels the Soviets (III)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Kissinger recalled, in the last installment, his twelve-day trip to Asia which effectively put the Middle East question on the back burner just as Sadat was led to expect by Washington that 1971 would be the 'year of decision'. Kissinger admits that Sadat was still an unknown quantity in the U.S. and describes the consternation felt in America at the signing of the Egypt-Soviet Union Friendship Treaty. The U.S. government was still working at cross purposes with the State Department urging a comprehensive settlement and Kissinger hoping for an interim agreement as a first step.

At the end of the meeting, Nixon authorized the NTS (National Task Force) trip to explore whether there was any flexibility in the Israeli position. There was not. His trip produced so little that Sisco did not even bother to stop in Cairo on his way home.

At this point, after my trip to India and the collapse of the State Department's pursuit of an interim settlement, I became operationally active in Middle East diplomacy for the first time.

Becoming Involved

What finally got me involved in the execution of Middle East diplomacy was that Nixon did not believe he could risk recurrent crises in the Middle East in an election year. He therefore asked me to step in, if only to keep things quiet. My first move was to explore whether the Soviets were in fact willing to moderate their proposals; if not, I intended to draw them into protracted and inconclusive negotiations until

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Goings on about town

Jeddah

Thursday, Dec. 13

The British Bazaar opens at the British Embassy at 5:00 p.m. The Malaysian Bazaar opens at the Malaysian Embassy at 4:00 p.m.

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Sunday, Dec. 16 to Wednesday, Dec. 19

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settlement. Brezhnev expressed dismay that we had broken off earlier direct dealings with Moscow on the subject.

These Soviet overtures came against the backdrop of a step-up in Soviet military activity in Egypt. For example, in September Israel shot down a Soviet attack bomber—an SU-7 jet—over the Canal; an Egyptian surface-to-air missile destroyed an Israeli reconnaissance plane. Egypt had moved some of its SAM sites even farther forward; this could not have been done without Soviet concurrence and cooperation. At the same time, the State Department was hinting that we would delay further airshipments to Israel unless Israel showed greater flexibility. Mrs. Meir wrote Nixon on September 17, reiterating Israel's concept of an interim settlement, but also expressing "grave concern" over the stoppage of delivery of Phantom jets to Israel at a time of an increasing Soviet military presence in Egypt.

If a negotiation on an interim accord was to break, rather than harden, this impasse, perhaps a new tack was required. I wrote Nixon on September 23:

The problem with the interim settlement is that too much has been attempted. The initial idea was simply a mutual thinning out on both sides. From that it must proceed to Sadat insisting on moving his forces to the key Sinai passes. To achieve that, the US

would have to press Israel almost as hard as to get an overall settlement.

The main hope now, it would seem to me, would be to reduce Egyptian expectations to a point where change that might realistically be expected in Israel's position could produce an understanding. Because official positions are tied to greater expectations, it may be that the only way of achieving this—if it were possible at all—would be through less official exchanges to see what might be possible.

My mention of "less official exchanges" was prompted by, among other things, a Soviet overture to me. Dobrynin forewarned me, on September 20 that Gromyko, when he met the President on September 29, would propose putting the Mideast issue into the special Channel. I warned Dobrynin, in turn, that at best this would be a slow process, requiring some exploration to see if it was worthwhile. The Middle East was much more complex than even Berlin (which we had just concluded successfully in the Channel); the factors were much less in our control and the insulation of the parties involved was of epic proportion.

The prospect of another back-channel negotiation would also require contact with Egypt. I had had a talk on September 16 with a former student of mine, Ali Hamdi el-Gammal, director of

the prestigious Cairo newspaper *Al-Ahram*, who tried to set up a confidential meeting between me and his chief editor, Mohamed Heikal, a confidant of Sadat.

Gromyko invited me to Cairo, he discussed as an alternative taking up the offer of a private business executive to host a meeting at his home with Gammal and Heikal.

Then in early October, Yitzhak Rabin, too, urged me to get involved personally in the interim accord negotiations; he told me confidentially that Israel might be more flexible in its terms if I were involved and it had Presidential assurances that the demands would not be open-ended. I told both Gammal and Rabin that if I decided to engage myself, their respective governments would have to face up to the hard decisions required. Egypt would have to give up its precondition of a commitment to total withdrawal; Israel would have to be prepared to put forward a reasonable package. The only point in staking Presidential prestige was to make progress.

By this time, the President himself was pushing the idea of my more active involvement—if only for the damage-limiting purpose of keeping things quiet until after the 1972 election. When Foreign Minister Gromyko met Nixon on September 29, 1971, we went through the usual ritual by which a larger meeting including State Department participants was cut

short so that Nixon and Gromyko could then talk privately in his hideaway in the Executive Office Building. Nixon accepted Gromyko's suggestion that Dobrynin and I undertake a serious exploration of Middle East issues—though not without linking it again to Soviet help on Vietnam.

I subsequently visited the Soviet Embassy on the evening of September 30 for a two-hour private meeting with Gromyko. I repeated to him the difficulties of settling the Middle East in the Channel, in contrast to Berlin. On Berlin, the parties affected all wanted a final settlement in the Soviet view should occur no later than a year after the interim agreement, though the length of the interval was negotiable. (Gromyko did not explain what value had interim agreement in those circumstances.) He maintained that a final settlement had to involve total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories of all Arab states. In other words, the Soviet Union was still bucking the maximum Arab position, oblivious to the fact that in such circumstances Israel had no motive for an interim agreement and we had no incentive to proceed jointly with Moscow. There was no sign of the Soviet Union's willingness to press its clients toward flexibility. However, Gromyko had put forward to Nixon in the hideaway office a proposal that on the surface was a tantalizing modification of the standard Soviet position. In the event of a comprehensive settle-

ment, Gromyko said, the Soviets would be prepared to withdraw their forces from the Middle East, join in an arms embargo in the area, and participate in guarantees of a settlement. But as usual there was less to these proposals than met the eye. We were still being asked to force Israel to accept borders it considered incompatible with its security. The promised withdrawal of Soviet forces would come at the end of the entire process; in other words, we would have to execute our entire contribution to this arrangement before the Soviets had to do anything.

And even then the Soviets made their withdrawal from Egypt conditional on the withdrawal of American advisers from Iran. All this at a time when Sadat was threatening to settle the issue by war in 1971 or 1972. (This was one of the reasons why we had reacted so strongly to the Indian assault on Pakistan; we wanted to make sure that the Soviet Union understood that a Soviet-sponsored attack in the Middle East would result in an even sharper response.)

But Gromyko had at least added enough new ingredients to fuel "exploratory" discussions between Dobrynin and me. This in turn would give the Soviets an incentive to keep the Middle East calm over the next year—a strategy that would only magnify Egyptian restlessness with Soviet policy.

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THE SEARCH FOR PRESSURE

As the clashes in the Northwestern parts of Iran continue between the followers of Ayatollah Khomeini and Sharif Madari, the Americans, for their part, press on with their attempt to organize an international economic and diplomatic campaign against that country.

The Americans have made it clear that their aims in no way involve the destruction of Khomeini's rule. All they want is the unconditional release of the hostages held at the occupied American embassy in Tehran. This, not unnaturally, has not convinced Ayatollah Khomeini, who has insisted that Carter's spies and "agents" are behind the disturbances in the province of Azerbaijan, where the Turkoman followers of Ayatollah Sharif Madari are a majority.

The Americans in fact find themselves in something of a quandary where it concerns the means available to bring sufficient pressure on Iran to release the hostages. They have already more or less ruled out the use of force, owing to the danger this poses for the hostages. Their next most potent weapon, stopping food exports to Iran, has also been ruled out, since its use, it was felt, would only result in accusations that the U.S. is trying to starve out the country. It is also liable to inflame popular feeling in Iran further, and unite it around Khomeini.

This has narrowed down the means of pressure to the purely economic ones. Foremost among these is oil, and the Americans have already preempted Iranian moves on this by stopping all oil imports from that country. But the effectiveness of this is very limited. America cannot really expect to persuade the major importers of Iranian oil to start a boycott. The oil market, with spot prices reaching over \$40, could hardly be called a buyer's paradise. The Iranians will find no difficulty in shifting any surplus from such moves.

Stopping Iran's requirements of industrial goods (and services) might prove more reasonable. Indeed, the government of the Federal Republic of Germany has already announced that it has withdrawn all export guarantees to Iran. But even here, the effect of such moves is limited and will take a long time to percolate so that the man in the street feels the pinch. Clearly, the American search for means of pressure will have to continue.

FIGHTING OVER WHAT?

We have said it before, but unfortunately it has to be said again and again. Zionism, together with the enemies of the Arabs as a whole, have only one real point of strength, one certain, never failing recompense for all their weaknesses. This is Arab divisiveness, their astounding ability to fragment over any issue and no issue, their simple inability to carry an agreed plan of action for longer than it takes for the ink it is written in to dry. No wonder the hope for a victory in our major battle, that for the liberation of the occupied territories and for the restoration of the rights of the Palestinian people, now seems dimmer than ever.

Such things are hard to say. But we have ample demonstration for this simple truth. There has been no lack of meetings, summits, ministerial, technical, in which plans of action are drawn and duties assigned. There has been no lack of well intentioned oratory before during and after them, extolling what is to be done, explaining it at length, and then, inevitably, analyzing why it did not work out. The fact is that each, as the Arab saying goes, is really singing about his own beloved: each nurturing his own pet cause and pursuing his own petty grievance with scant regard for the common good.

The latest example for this — and it is only an example — is astounding in its randomness, its total lack of sense. In fact it is so astounding as to stand as an epitome rather than a mere example: This is the sudden rift between Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization, which grew out of nowhere and is now dominating Arab concerns.

The crisis started with the Libyans, quite off their own bat, and for reasons too obscure for mere political analysts, deciding to "revolutionize" the Palestine Liberation Organization. The best way they found towards this end was to lay siege to the PLO office in Tripoli, and then proceed to drag the names of the leadership through the mud. After a period of humoring and hoing, the PLO decided they had mud too, and the Libyan leadership was duly bathed in it, and with what style.

The "information" battle between the two sides will last for a while. Then, when the political and psychological damage is done — let's hope it will not get beyond this — they will no doubt be brought together by well meaning third parties, when they will grudgingly make the accustomed peace. What has been served by the episode? What relevance does it have to serve the aims of the Arab side? Why time the dispute now when the need for the minimum appearance of unity is required?

Questions which perhaps are quite without meaning to the enthusiastic disputants.

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SHIPS THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT



Where truth is fantasy and fiction is fact

By Neal Ascherson

SALISBURY —

The way politicians and newspapers handle truth in this part of the world has a saucy dexterity all its own.

Take some recent displays of this talent. The other day, Ian Smith, now the resentful Minister without Portfolio in the government of Abel Muzorewa, said on behalf of his white Rhodesian Front party: "If the Patriotic Front are the government, we will work with them."

That is what he said. He went on to explain that he didn't like the PF, but that if the coming election in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia put them in power, "we must live with it, and make the best."

Many of his white followers were appalled. Smith repeated in another interview that the Rhodesian Front were deeply opposed to the PF of Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo. He did not, however, withdraw his remark that he would work with them if they won the elections.

But the *Sunday Mail*, published in Salisbury, at once proclaimed: "Ian Smith's denials that ... the Rhodesian Front would work with (the PF) if it came to power will come as a relief to whites especially those who were beginning to think the former Prime Minister had lost his marbles."

Eyes were rubbed, press cuttings checked. Smith had made no such denial.

Then it was the turn of Ernest Bulle, the black Minister of Commerce. He referred to the "w.k.t. with them" remark and concluded: "It was there for fore with relief that one saw those allegations vigorously denied."

Now the consensus is that old Smithie wobbled a bit by saying he would co-operate with the Marxist terrorists, but then climbed down. The instant rewriting of the record has been achieved.

Or take the much graver matter of the two Messrs Botha and the revelations about a South African troop presence here — graver, because they helped to stall the Patriotic Front in the ceasefire talks in London, which in turn decided the British government to go ahead with Zimbabwean elections and independence without the PF, if necessary.

The foreign journalists here all knew about the South Africans — helicopter and artillery crews, and a troop contingent guarding the railway into South Africa near Beit Bridge. But on the last day of November, Pieter Botha, the South African Prime Minister, made it official and prompted them to write what they knew.

He said: "South Africa, after consultation with

the government of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, has for some time been looking to the protection of our interests as well as our vital lines of communication ... no right-thinking person can expect Zimbabwe-Rhodesia to also protect those interests in the midst of her own problems."

That is what he said. Unless the Prime Minister is protecting these routes with traffic wardens or bands of loyal antelope trained to butt Marxists saboteurs, this means only one thing: that South African armed forces are operating within Zimbabwe-Rhodesia. So his statement had two virtues: not only was it unambiguous, if coyly put, but it was true as well.

But his words, and the newspaper reports which followed, raised a great fuss at Lancaster House. The PF insisted that any cease-fire agreement must remove the South African forces.

Back from London and Bonn came Pieter Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, who set to threatening the journalists as soon as he tumbled off the jumbo at Johannesburg airport. The press were suggesting that South Africa was interfering in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia.

They had twisted the words of the prime minister. They would be punished, made to reveal their sources: "People who write stories of this kind must now be disciplined."

Under the thumbscrews, the journalists would have confessed their source was alive and heading the South African government.

The Prime Minister's office, in response to appeals, mumbled that they did not think he would "like to clarify his statement at this time" — wording which to any experienced reporter is code for "he has opened his mouth too far already."

So Ian Smith said what he did not say, and Pieter Botha did not say what he said. And all this is done with the shocking, clumsy impudence of a toddler transferring a stolen sweetie from one fist to the other.

No wonder that a bulletin from one of the African parties in Salisbury refers accidentally but sternly to "inter-fictional disputes." (My own favorite in that line was a proclamation by the Rev. Ndabani Sithole denouncing those who thought that "the man with the fum must rule".)

How do they get away with it? Partly because these autocratic regimes believe they can direct or bombarde the local media without much bother — an assumption shared, of course, in many black states too. But a deeper cause is the indifference of most whites to the written word and its disciplines. How do they get away with it? Partly because these autocratic regimes believe they can direct or bombarde the local media without much bother — an assumption shared, of course, in many black states too. But a deeper cause is the indifference of most whites to the written word and its disciplines.

Since the Shah was deposed, he had been in Egypt, Morocco, the Bahamas, and Mexico — without mobs in Iran taking international law into their own hands to demand his return.

But, when the Shah came to the United States, the mob of self-styled students overran the U.S. Embassy — with the support of Khomeini, as eventually clear.

The United States and its hospital-bound patient, the Shah, were a target of opportunity for the Ayatollah, administration officials now have concluded, and they became the emotionally powerful rallying point for the Ayatollah, whose administration has had major economic problems and high unemployment. — (WP)

An American analysis of events in Iran

By Martin Schram

WASHINGTON —

The dilemma President Jimmy Carter and his advisers face in the long siege in Iran is that they have been forced to rely upon diplomatic machinery to deal with a crisis that inherently is not diplomatic.

It is a crisis ignited more by Iran's internal politics than by international policies, American officials have come to believe. And so, as they work their diplomatic channels from the Situation Room of the White House and the Operations Center of the State Department, officials concede their efforts are marked by frustration.

They have drafted their options for applying escalating diplomatic and economic pressures on Iran. Yet they concede this is a crisis that cannot be managed in any classical sense of options and pressures.

The fate of the hostages may hinge more upon a domestic event in Iran — the referendum on the Ayatollah Rouhollah Khomeini's new constitution — than upon anything the President and his advisers can conjure, U.S. officials now believe.

And they concede that, after five weeks of siege, the crisis at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran is laced with a growing relationship that develops in traditional hostage-captor situations that may prove more important in any eventual solution than the global pressures of traditional diplomatic-economic relationships.

As administration officials now see it, the current siege cannot be understood without considering the Ayatollah's domestic political crisis in Iran.

The plight of the hostages today may well have its root in Khomeini's battle to win the hearts and minds of his people. It is an internal battle that began with his arrival to power after the Shah was deposed.

This battle, at least, may be eased after ratification of the new Iranian constitution he has sought and shaped. He apparently has been building toward the ratification in months of carefully constructed manipulation of public support and emotion.

Some administration officials believe the Americans working in the U.S. Embassy may well be the victim, most of all, to efforts of the Ayatollah aimed a marshalling support for his revolution had been floundering in its own disorder.

American officials believe the current siege at the embassy may have its roots in a bizarre confluence of events, beginning many months ago.

In February, Khomeini faced the end of one revolution but the onset of another — a struggle to build a consensus out of chaos and to shape the Islamic state he had sought during his many years in exile.

He sought to fashion an idealized — almost

platonic — Islamic state from the remains of a nation the Shah had been forcing headlong into modernization, with human rights taking a back seat to personal power and national progress.

After the Shah was deposed, Iranian leaders plunged into a prolonged debate over what their new constitution would look like. In July, a draft constitution was produced similar to the 1906 constitution that was in place in Iran, and was modeled after a Belgian document.

The Ayatollah approved the publication of the draft constitution. But, since he wanted to move further toward an Islamic state, he did not endorse the document. Instead, he promptly convened a council of experts to review the draft constitution, stacking the council with hand-picked members.

Council members were elected publicly, but the turnout was light.

The Ayatollah moved swiftly to marshal public support. He also mounted a series of public attacks on the Kurds, identifying them as enemies of the revolution, and began a crackdown. He named himself commander-in-chief.

Meanwhile, as American officials have analyzed it, the Ayatollah's council of experts was performing major alterations



George Nicholson's 'A Bedouin Encampment', oil on panel, 20" x 30"

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The view from Europe

by R.D. WILLARD

JEDDAH — In the 19th century, many travellers and artists tired of the comfortable and bourgeois landscapes of Europe and journeyed to the East. They were various talents, from amateurs with pencil and camp-stool through hack academicians to great artists like Delacroix. Their response was as various.

In the beginning, the style and attitudes were romantic. The European public still saw the Orient as a mysterious, elusive mirage. Later on, improvements in the techniques of photography and the growth of scholarly interest in the Arab World and Islam produced a "genre" school concerned with customs, clothes and detailed architecture.

This week, some of these Orientalist works hang in an exhibition at the Sultan Gallery in Medina Road.

The show has been organized by Brian MacDermot a former

ings, hung with care and well lit, are two water colours by Rudolph Ernst (1854-1935). Ernst studied in Vienna and travelled extensively in the Middle East. These two, "La Toilette" and "Le Musician," give us a peek into mysterious palaces with the soft blue tile walls and rich carpets.

Three watercolors by Augustus Osborne Lamplough well convey ever-present Arabian realities; heat, the cool of evening in a desert encampment, an enveloping sand storm.

One of the best-known contemporary artists shown is John Haywood. Haywood uses gouache on soft gray. This has proved popular for studies of birds of prey.

The exhibition is well worth a visit or possibly two. The prices begin at SR1,000 and soar, like Haywood's falcons, to a Saudi heaven of SR86,000. The gallery shall be open every evening from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. until December 20.



Terence Gilbert's of King Faisal, oil on panel, 25 1/4" x 19 1/2".
stockbroker. A tall, dapper gentleman, since 1975 he has run the Matifaf Gallery in London. He has brought over 75 paintings, either Orientalist, or by contemporary artists working with the gallery.

The most charming of the paint-



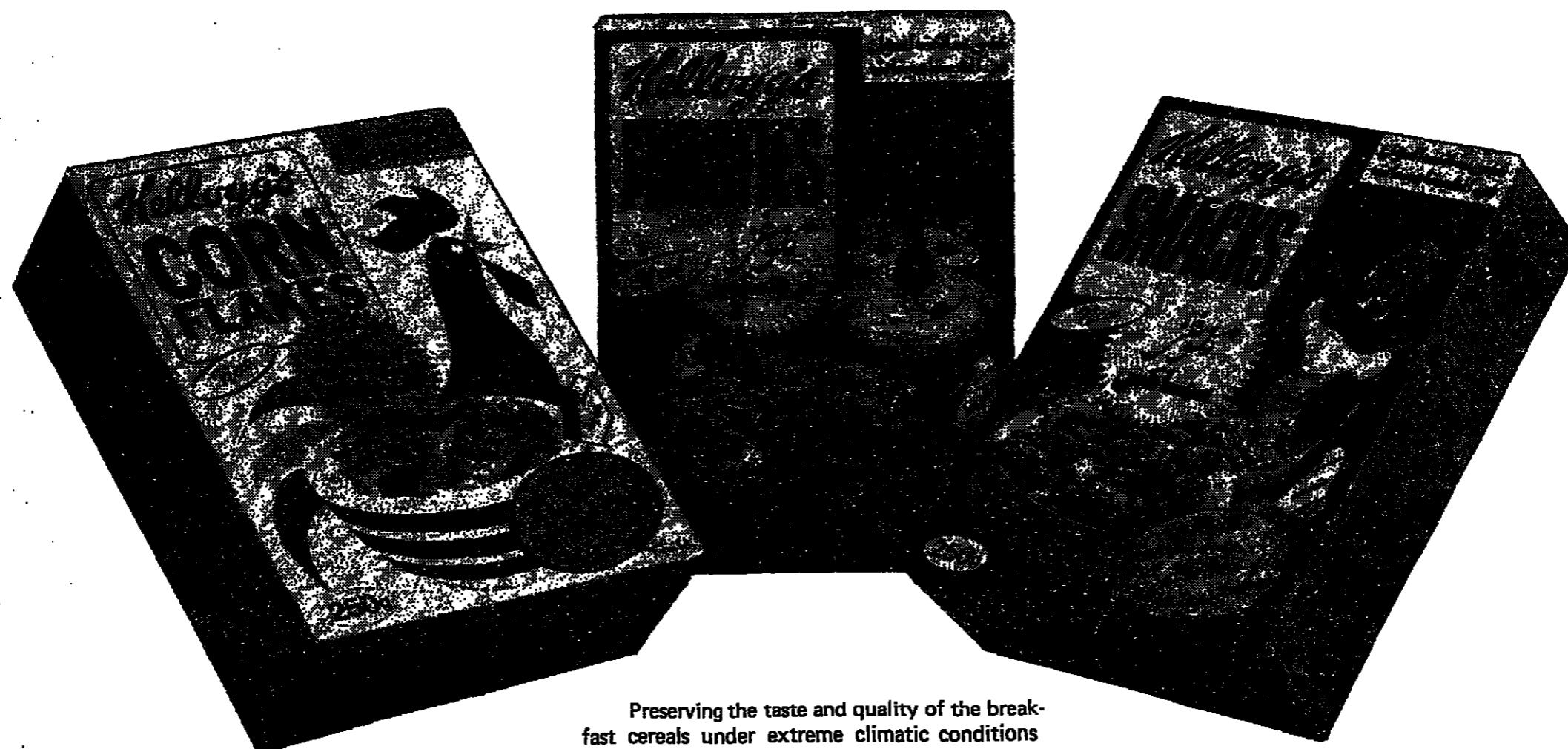
Joyce Better's "Falconers at Liwa," oil on canvas, 25" x 30"



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By leftists
Ten Italians injured in daring terror raid

TURIN, Dec. 12 (AP) — In a daring daylight attack, a dozen leftist terrorists armed with automatic rifles and pistols stormed a business school, rounded up more than 200 teachers and students for an indoctrination lecture and shot 10 of them in the legs, police reported.

A police source said the terrorists had attempted indoctrination during their one-hour takeover of the school, affiliated with Turin University and partly supported by Fiat, the Italian automotive giant.

"We followed their (terrorists') orders like a flock of sheep," said Barbara Bosco, 22, a librarian. "We were so scared but the terrorists — and there were several women, too — were so cool and they seemed to know exactly what they wanted. They kept asking with guns pointed at our heads why we want to become executives and not join the common people at factories."

Another witness told police that at least one woman terrorist took part in the shooting, the first mass kneecapping reported in Italy. The attack was claimed by "Prime Linea" or the Front Line, an extreme leftist urban guerrilla gang associated with Italy's most-feared terrorist group, the Red Brigades.

The victims — five male teachers and five male students —

Gunmen murder 14 Untouchables in North India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (AP) — Police said Wednesday that armed intruders killed 14 Hindu Untouchables and wounded eight others at a village in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, the United News of India reported.

The gunmen set about six houses on fire and then shot the occupants as they ran outside to escape the flames, it quoted police reports as saying.

Livestock, grain and personal belongings were destroyed in the blaze, at Jadonpur village near Etawah, UNI said.

The attackers were not identified in the reports.

were listed in fair to serious condition at hospitals.

The attack came on the eve of the 10th anniversary of the bloodiest terrorist attack in modern Italy. On Dec. 12, 1965, a terrorist bomb set off in a Milan bank killed 16 persons and injured another 100.

Four of the wounded were officials of Fiat, the company which provides financial and technical assistance to the school. Fiat officials have often been the target of leftist terrorists.

Police said the guerrillas also left a note saying the attack had been carried out "in honor of comrades Barbara and Mattore." Police said the terrorists apparently referred to Front Line guerrillas Barbara Azzaro and Mattore Cavagno, who were killed in a battle with police in Turin last February.

There were more than 200 teachers, students and clerical employees in the school building at the time of the attack, police said.

The terrorists, wielding sub-machine guns and pistols, dragged the teachers and the students out of the offices, classrooms and the library and ordered them into an auditorium for a "threatening lecture," police sources said.

One of the terrorists mounted the podium and told the frightened audience that they were taking over the schools for "proletarian occupation." He said the terrorists chose the school because it is "part of the power structure."

They then asked the "prisoners" for detailed information on the school curriculum and faculty composition.

They dragged five teachers and five students out to the courtyard and shot them on the knees.

In Rome, all major political parties issued statements condemning the attack. A Republican senator, declaring that the raid represents "a quantum leap in the daring and terrorist technique," called for a parliamentary probe.

Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni briefed a hastily summoned session of the Chamber of Deputies and Turin's labor unions called an hour-long protest strike Wednesday.



WAITING: Dianne Rowley waits with friends recently at a Seattle dock for the arrival of her 7-year-old daughter Nicole. The girl was rescued off the coast of Washington after spending 20 days adrift in a 15-foot submarine.

Anglican Church disobeys Pretoria's apartheid laws

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 12 (AP) — The Anglican Church, in the latest of a series of confrontations with South Africa, has decided to risk being outlawed rather than obey laws inspired by racial apartheid.

Archbishop Bill Burnett said that although it would be "a terrifying thing" to be banned, the church must not go along with racial discrimination specifically. Anglicans object to laws requiring permits for church gatherings and for interracial contacts.

And when Burnett asked delegates at a synod last week in Grahamstown whether they would be willing to see the church banned rather than submit to unjust laws, the answer was a chorus of "yes".

Bishop Desmond Tutu, a black Anglican who is secretary general of the South African Council of Churches, recently personally challenged the government by calling for withdrawal of investments in South Africa. He was warned

this violated the law but refused to withdraw his remarks.

The government, in the past, has not hesitated to ban officials of church-related organizations or ministers and priests themselves if it was felt they were stirring up trouble.

The issue of church meetings is important because churches, including the Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic, have been at the forefront of political dissent.

The Catholic Church challenged the government by opening integrated schools before they were legal. Several churches have named black clergy to white parishes in defiance of the government.

Drawing further attention to the Anglican decision was a banned Cape Town priest's daily attendance at the synod. His attendance indirectly at least put the church in violation of the Internal Security Act under which he was banned.

U.S. believes Hanoi used poison in Laos

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP) — U.S. Army investigators say they are convinced the Vietnamese are using chemical warfare against Laotian mountain tribes, but they are reportedly unable to deliver absolute proof.

They were called to testify before a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee Wednesday, along with a Laotian refugee who says he witnessed attacks with poison.

Another witness representative Jim Leach, R-Iowa, said intelligence information, which he refused to describe in detail, left no doubt Vietnamese forces are conducting the attacks with chemical weapons obtained from the Soviet Union.

The team of investigators said in an initial report they are convinced from interviews with 43 Laotian Hmong refugees that at least two chemicals were used: a nerve agent and a chemical that induced massive gastrointestinal bleeding.

A State Department report said the Vietnamese apparently are concentrating on the Hmong because members of the tribe sided first with the French and later with U.S. forces during decades of war in Indochina.

They said a tally of the refugees' statements indicates 700 to 1,000 Hmong tribesmen were killed in 36 attacks from June 1976 to May 1979.

But sources said that tests of a yellowish sample of an alleged poison, like two earlier samples, cannot be identified.

The initial report said the most recent sample was obtained from the roof of a hut after an attack last April. The report said tests showed the yellowish marks on pieces of bark are something not normally found on hut roofs, but cannot be identified as a direct

Bus-train crash leaves 14 dead east of Jakarta

JAKARTA, Dec. 12 (R) — Fourteen people were killed in a collision between an express train and a bus at an unguarded crossing about 200 kilometers east of Jakarta Tuesday, national railway company chief Oyet Ratna said Wednesday.

He said the bus driver, who was among those killed, apparently ignored a warning sign about the railway crossing.

from the nose, vomiting of blood, diarrhea and death within 15 minutes.

They said another chemical brought on immediate dizziness, breathing difficulty, vomiting and death in minutes or hours.

They said a third chemical, a riot-control agent, might also have been used. The army team con-

ducted its interviews in Thailand in October.

Military sources, who also asked not to be identified, also said a Soviet chemical warfare team was reported to have been in the same region of Western Laos earlier this year, but there were no details on what its mission might have been.

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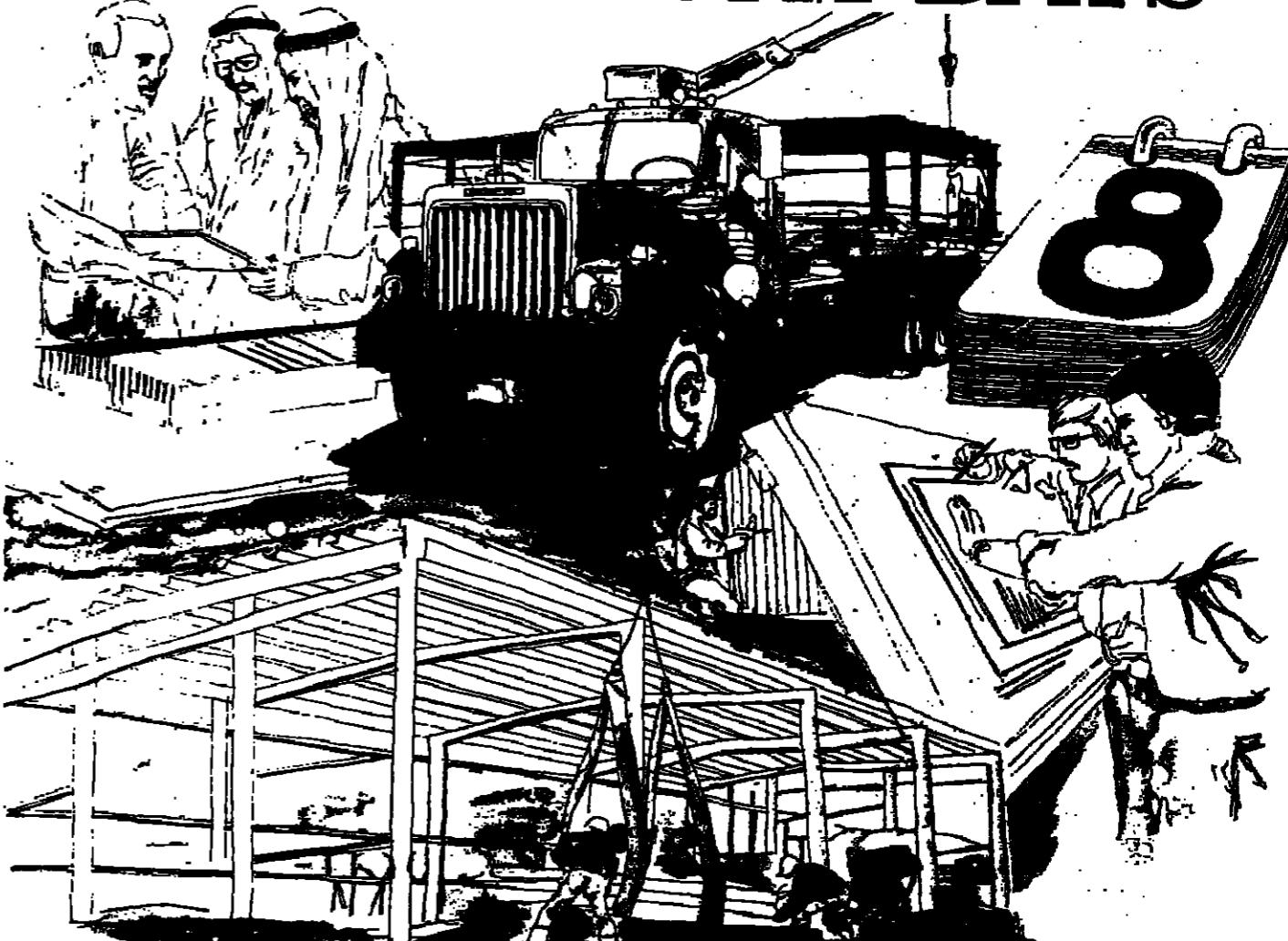
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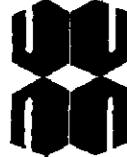
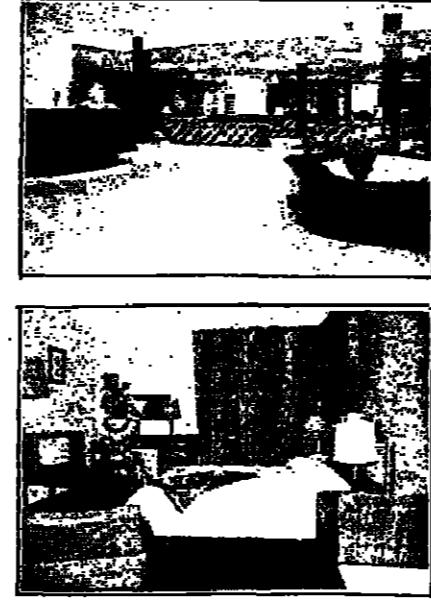
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*Moscow protests***Bomb hits Soviet U.N. mission**

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (R) — At least six people were injured by a powerful bomb that blasted the 11-story Soviet mission to the United Nations here Tuesday night.

The bomb, which went off in a garage entrance at ground level, was strong enough to buckle steel walls inside the building and shattered windows all down the street.

Police said an anti-Castro group named Omega-7, which took credit for two bombings against the Cuban mission in recent weeks, claimed responsibility in a phone call.

But an hour after the explosion, another man called the Associated Press and claimed "Ukrainian nationalists" set off the bomb. He hung up quickly.

The injured were four policemen patrolling nearby who were knocked over by the blast and two

Russian women clerical workers inside the mission.

The bomb was one of the most powerful in New York in recent memory. The device was left on an entrance ramp to the building's garage a short distance from the street.

The chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, Donald McHenry, joined emergency teams and explosive experts at the scene.

Explosive-sniffing dogs were brought in and police quickly cleared the area for fear of a second explosion.

The attack at the mission was the third device set off in New York in the last two weeks.

An anti-Castro group set off two bombs at the Cuban mission last week and said that despite assurances from high-ranking U.S. officials "foul, provocative acts" were being carried out against foreign missions.

These shocking actions, it is said in U.N. diplomatic circles, testify to the utter impotence or unwillingness of the American official authorities and New York police to ensure the security of foreign representations and their personnel in New York."

Tass said the "hostile actions" against missions "contradict elementary standards of international law", adding that foreign diplomats in New York are "constantly in danger in conditions when all kinds of extremists and fascist elements are operating under the nose of the official American authorities and police."

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U.S. spacemen to start simulated flight test soon

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Dec. 12 (AP) — Space-suited astronauts and full ground crews will begin the first major simulated flight test of the space shuttle sometime this weekend, U.S. space agency officials have said.

Alternating in the Columbia's cockpit during the 5-day, round-the-clock test will be the main crew of the first flight, astronauts John Young and Navy Cmdr. Robert Crippen, and the back-up crew, air force Col. Joe Engle and Navy Cmdr. Richard Truly.

Young, the only one of the four who has flown in space, is a veteran of two Gemini missions and two Apollo flights, including an Apollo XVI moon landing.

"It is a critical test," said George Peg, director of the shuttle program at the Kennedy Space Center. "It is a crucial check of the compatibility of the launch processing system with the orbiter in a configuration as close to launch as we can simulate at this time."

Engineers will spend 20 hours preparing and completing the test.

The first shuttle launch is scheduled for June 1980. But officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration have admitted there's little chance the Columbia will be ready by then because of problems with the shuttle's engines and exterior heat shield.

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next year's economic plan and budget for the country.

As in last month's Kremlin session, his place was left empty Tuesday on the front row of the leadership benches.

Kosygin's traditional place alongside President and Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev was occupied by the Party's chief theoretician, Mikhail Suslov.

Soviet sources have suggested that he is suffering from liver and heart ailments.



RED BRIGADES: Two policemen stand guard in a sand bags emplacement around a barracks in Turin where the trial of Red Brigades trial was being held last week. Local authorities tightened security for the occasion to take no chance with the terrorists.

Liu Shao-chi**Mao victim may be rehabilitated**

PEKING, Dec. 12 (AP) — China's most famous modern novelist has called Liu Shao-chi "comrade" and that suggests the rehabilitation of the late, former chief of state is now all but complete.

White-haired Ding Ling, herself an outcast for 21 years, used this word of respect and official recognition in a speech to the recent national conference of writers and artists.

The indomitable Miss Ding, 72, winner of the 1952 Stalin Prize for literature, told the artists and writers — including many who have only recently been rehabilitated — that in her years of disfavor she comforted herself with a

saying from Liu: "A Communist must be able to stand the test of being wronged."

Miss Ding's remarks on Liu, believed to have died in 1970, were carried in full in the current issue of the Communist Party theoretical paper *Red Flag*.

That means they had the official approval of the Communist Party.

Liu had not been called comrade since his downfall in the 1966-69 Cultural Revolution nor had he been so directly and approvingly quoted.

Signs of Liu's restoration have multiplied in the past 12 months. On Sept. 11 the party daily *Peking People's Daily*, said

all slanders and libels against Liu should be repudiated.

On Oct. 4 he was restored to his place in the history of the party, when a historical exhibit displayed long suppressed paintings and photographs of him beside Mao Tse-tung and other leaders at key moments in the party's development.

A genius at organizational work, long-time No. 2 to Mao, Liu's mistake proved to be joining other pragmatists — including Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping — in rescuing the country from economic disaster after Mao's ruinous Great Leap Forward, a bid for overnight industrialization in the late 1950s.

can troops stationed here were placed on alert but the command's chief spokesman Col. John Klose emphatically denied it.

Earlier Wednesday, a former Korean CIA agent testified that Park's assassin told him shortly before the murder that he planned to kill Park "for democracy."

The testimony on the fifth day of court martial proceedings was the first confirmation of Korean Central Intelligence Agency chief Kim Jae-kyu's claim that he assassinated Park to end his one-man rule and carry out a "national revolution to restore democracy."

At the start of defense questioning, the lawyer for army Col. Park Heung-joo, who was the KCIA chief's secretary, asked whether he had any prior knowledge of his boss' plot to murder the president at dinner in a KCIA "safehouse" Oct. 26. Col. Park replied that he knew nothing of Kim's plan until shortly before the assassination, when the KCIA chief came out of the dinner and told him and another KCIA agent to kill the presidential bodyguards when they heard the first gunshots.

Col. Park said the other KCIA agent, protocol chief Park Sun-ho, asked Kim whether he planned to kill the president and the KCIA chief replied, "Yes". As Kim headed back into the dining room, Park said, he raised his hand and fired "for democracy".

Park said he was surprised when he first heard about the plan, thought it over for several minutes and finally decided to obey Kim's order. He said, he didn't think about the consequences.

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Swiss say IEA goals not mandatory**Nigeria tells oil firms it is raising prices**

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP) — Nigeria, one of OPEC's largest members, has told major customers it may raise the price of top-quality crude oil to at least \$30 a barrel by January, a well-placed industry source said Tuesday.

The expected Nigerian increase, coupled with the hike in prices expected to come from the Dec. 17 Caracas OPEC meeting, could boost U.S. gasoline and heating oil prices by 6 to 8 cents early next year, the source said.

Nigeria's anticipated new price would represent a nearly 30 per cent increase over the official top level. OPEC's secretary-general, Rene Ortiz, earlier in the day was quoted as saying imposition of a 30 per cent price hike at the cartel meeting "on the order of possibility."

Nigeria's increase, from the current \$26.27-a-barrel price, would be announced in the last week of December after OPEC ministers

finish their year-end meeting in Caracas.

Nigerian officials could not be reached for comment on the report.

Nigeria, which produces 2.1 million barrels of oil a day and which has been holding supply talks with international oil companies, is selling its oil for well in excess of the current \$23.50-a-barrel OPEC ceiling price set last June.

The industry source, who asked not to be identified, said Nigerian officials also had told his company that it "wasn't going to get any more oil" in the first quarter of 1980 than it has been receiving this year. Major oil companies who buy Nigerian oil include Shell, Gulf, Mobil and Phillips Petroleum.

Meanwhile, Switzerland considers oil import limitations agreed upon by the 20 leading industrial nations in Paris only as

targets, not as binding commitments, a member of the Swiss delegation said Tuesday.

Similar reservations also have been raised at the International Energy Agency meeting by Austria, Australia, Sweden, Norway, Turkey, and others.

The other countries' reservations were not mentioned in the final communique of the Paris meeting, said J. Hans Schmid, scientific advisor of the Swiss Energy Office and a member of the delegation, which was led by Swiss traffic and Energy Minister Willy Ritschard.

Schmid said the Swiss told the IEA meeting they see oil distribution as a function of price mechanism, except for emergency situations. The Swiss government had no legal means of enforcing import targets, he said.

The list published in Paris by the IEA set annual import ceilings of 14 million and 14.5 million tons

for Switzerland for 1980 and the year 1985. Schmid said 1979 total Swiss oil imports will be about 14 million tons, including an increase of Swiss oil on reserve.

In Paris, Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah had talks Tuesday with two French cabinet ministers on oil prices and supplies, French officials said.

They said Sheikh Ali met Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet and Industry Minister Andre Giraud.

The officials declined to make further comment.

Meanwhile, oil sources reported that fire has been brought under control at an onshore oil pipeline that was punctured by a municipal bulldozer west of Abu Dhabi.

The fire broke out earlier Tuesday two miles from the Habshan oil field when the bulldozer working in a tree planting project hit sand buried pipeline spilling 4,000 barrels of oil. The bulldozer's Pakistani driver was killed.

And the oil industry offered Alaska and the U.S. government a total of nearly \$2.1 billion in immediate cash Tuesday for rights to drill for oil and gas in the Beaufort Sea off Alaska's Arctic coast.

If the courts allow the sale to stand and the apparent high bids are accepted, the Alaska state treasury would be bolstered by \$567,391,497, while the federal government would receive \$1.45 billion.

The single highest cash bid was \$143 million for a 3,267-acre tract claimed by both the state and the federal government. Atlantic Richfield, Union Oil of California and Exxon were equal one-third partners on that bid.

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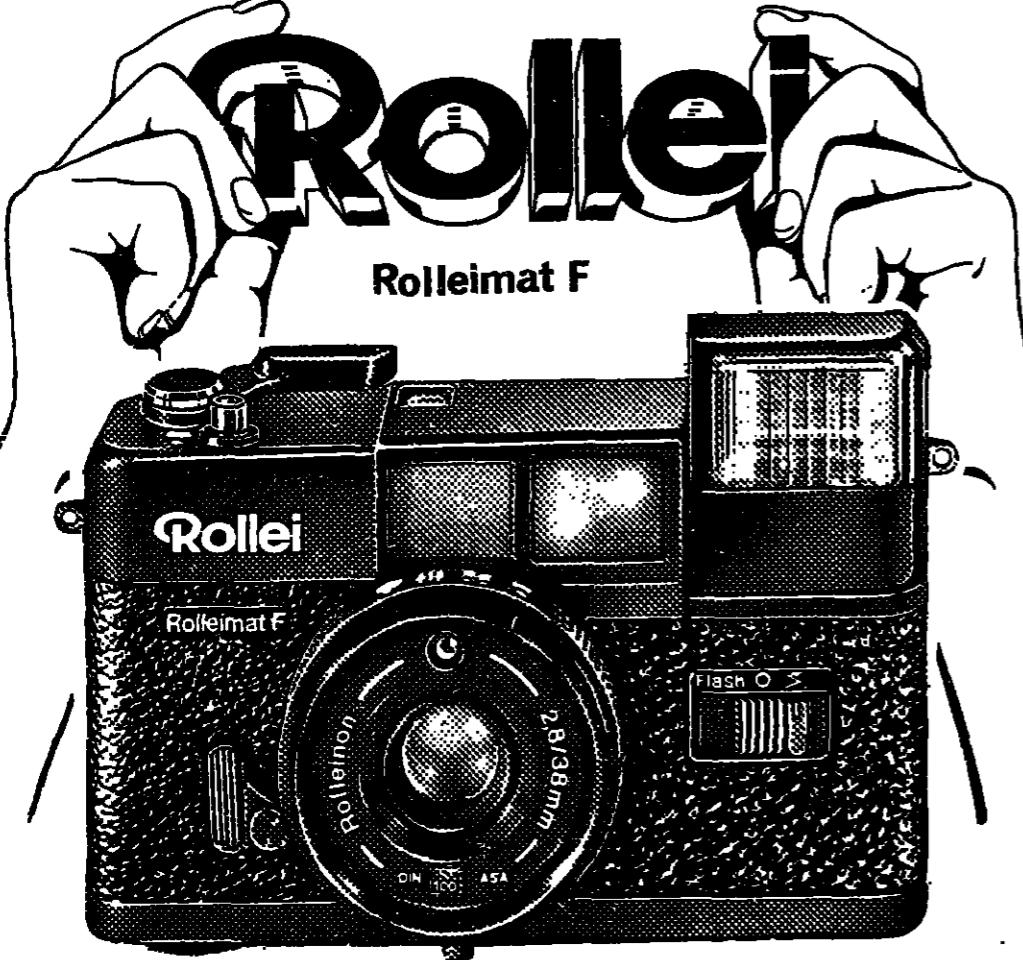
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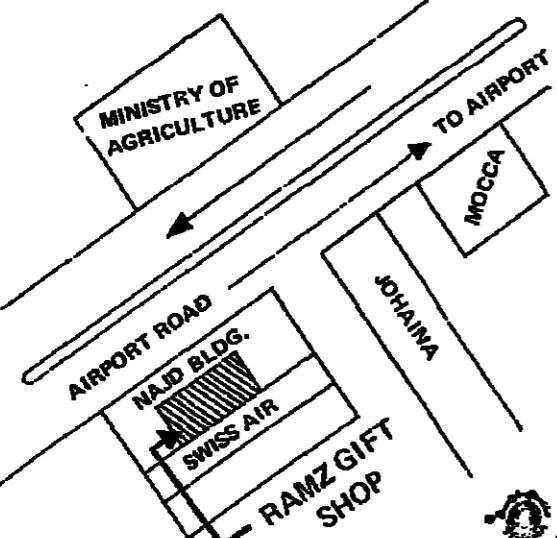


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Japan answers oil critics

TOKYO, Dec. 12 (R) — Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira said Wednesday Japan will seek American understanding of Japan's oil policy following criticism in Washington over a rush to buy Iranian crude at inflated prices.

Ohira, commenting on the criticism, told reporters: "We are cautious (not to cause friction to Japan-U.S. relations). We will continue to seek understanding on Japan's policy as we have done in the past."

Tuesday, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd criticized Japanese oil companies for buying up Iranian oil and accused Japanese banks of helping Iran to overcome a U.S. freeze on its assets, which was imposed following the holding of American hostages in Tehran.

Six other U.S. senators sponsored a resolution urging the Japanese government to prevent Japanese firms from profiteering on Iranian oil.

According to Japanese Foreign Ministry sources, U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance used the word "insensitive" to describe Japan's reaction to the situation arising out of the holding of hostages at the U.S. embassy.

Japanese officials said the government was seriously concerned that the criticism, following the buying of Iranian oil by Japanese trading houses, might spread to other trade issues.

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New York market down

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 — The market saw-saw throughout the trading session Tuesday and at the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed slightly lower, down 17 to 833.70, transports lost .29 to 254.58, and utilities were off .03 to 108.49. Volume of trading was 36.3 million shares. Breadth was on the negative side as losers outnumbered gainers 863 to 684 and 405 issues unchanged. The American Exchange Indey gained 1.60 on the day to 235.11.

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Pakistan to get ADB \$21.5m loans

MANILA, Dec. 12 (AP) — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved \$21.5 million in soft loans to Pakistan Wednesday to help the government finance crop intensification and livestock development projects.

Qatar, Sierra Leone to develop ties

DOHA, Dec. 12 (R) — Sierra Leone and Qatar have agreed to hold more discussions on developing cooperation in various fields, according to a press statement Tuesday night.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.37	3.377	3.377
Pound Sterling	7.37	7.46	7.46
Deutsche Mark (100)	194.00	196.00	196.00
Swiss F (100)	211.00	213.00	212.50
French F (100)	83.00	83.00	83.00
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	41.50	41.80
Lebanese Lira (100)	98.00	97.30	97.30
Syrian Lira (100)	78.50	86.90	86.90
Egyptian Pound	4.45	4.50	4.50
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.35	12.35	12.35
Jordanian Dinar	11.35	11.35	11.35
Emirates Dirham (100)	89.60	91.25	91.25
Bahraini Dinar	8.96	8.96	8.96
Iranian Rial (100)	26.00	26.00	26.00
Iraqi Dinar (100)	9.40	9.40	9.40
Yemeni Rial (100)	74.40	74.40	74.40
Moroccan Dirham (100)	82.50	82.50	82.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.40
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.20
Gold kg.	48,700.00	—	—
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Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.40	—	14.4

Quarter-final replay**Swindon beats Arsenal 4-3 in League Cup**

LONDON, Dec. 12 (R) — Andy Rowland scored four minutes from the end of extra time to give Third Division Swindon a memorable 4-3 replay win over First Division Arsenal in the quarter-final of the English Football League Cup Tuesday night.

Swindon, which beat the London giants in the final 10 years ago, led 2-0 and 3-1 but Arsenal staged a magnificent recovery and pulled level with goals by Liam Brady and Brian Talbot.

The Football Association (FA) Cup holders and European Cup-winners Cup quarter-finalist looked set to force a second replay until Rowland beat goalkeeper

Mikkola leads Bandama rally

ABIDJAN, Dec. 12 (R) — Finn Hannu Mikkola, driving a works Mercedes, has consolidated his lead in the Bandama motor rally, the final event of the world championship, in the Ivory Coast.

Swede Bjorn Waldegaard remained second in a similar factory-entered Mercedes, a minute behind Mikkola. The Finn is the only driver able to stop Waldegaard clinching the World Drivers' title.

Scotsman Andrew Cowan was third and Kenyan Vic Preston fourth, which gave Mercedes command of the event.

Provisional leaders:

1. Hannu Mikkola (Finland) Mercedes
2. Bjorn Waldegaard (Sweden) Mercedes
3. Andrew Cowan (Britain) Mercedes
4. Vic Preston (Kenya) Mercedes
5. Ove Andosson (Finland) Toyota
6. Jerome Ambrosino (Ivory Coast) Peugeot
7. Timo Mäkinen (Finland) Peugeot.

Pat Jennings in a goalmouth scramble just before the end.

Third Division Grimsby achieved a notable 1-1 draw in the replay at First Division Wolverhampton Wanderers. Scottish international Andy Gray fired Wolverhampton ahead in the 22nd minute but Gary Liddell equalized in the 71st minute.

The sides must meet again to decide who faces Swindon in the semi-finals.

West Germany could mean sending all five of its representatives into the quarter-final of the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup after games Wednesday.

The West Germans dominated last year's tournament by producing three of the semi-finalists, a command which may now be increased because all five clubs won their third round first leg matches two weeks ago.

Holder Borussia Moenchengladbach travels to Romania. Eintracht Frankfurt to the Netherlands and Bayern Munich to Yugoslavia. VFB Stuttgart and Kaiserslautern were to stay at home to face opposition from Switzerland and Hungary.

Borussia, armed with a 2-0 first leg lead, were to face an early showdown against Universitatea Craiova. The club unbeaten in 18 European games since its European Cup final defeat by English champion Liverpool in April 1978, was relieved Tuesday when injured Danish forward Carsten Nielsen and winger Ewald Lienert were declared fit. Defender Juergen Fleer stays out with a broken rib.

Bayern Munich, rapidly rekindling its past form, takes a similar two-goal advantage to Red Star Belgrade, the beaten side in last season's final.

Alarm that international winger Karl-Heinz Rummenigge might be ruled out by a broken knuckle received in Bayern's 4-0 eclipse of

Stuttgart last Saturday has been dispelled.

Eintracht Frankfurt travels to Feyenoord Rotterdam, the former holders of the European and the UEFA Cups, buoyed by the 4-1 hiding it gave the Dutch side in the first leg.

Eintracht manager Friedel Rausch promised his fans he would not rely on dour defense and would be looking for goals in counter-attacks his players hope to mount between the attacking onslaughts Feyenoord must risk to

have a chance of qualifying.

Lottermann and Borchers are the probable substitutes for the injured Nickel and Lorant. South Korean Cha Bum Kun and Juergen Grabowski and Bernd Hoezelstein, members of the West German side which beat the Netherlands in the 1974 World Cup final, make Frankfurt a formidable attacking force.

VFB Stuttgart and Kaiserslautern both enjoy 2-0 leads for their home ties against Grasshoppers Zurich and Diessgoer Mi-

kolc.

Stuttgart, out to expunge the memory of last weekend's thrashing by Bayern, is troubled by injury and the automatic suspension of Hermann Ohlicher sent off in the first leg.

They will badly miss injured center-back Karl-Heinz Foerster but could scarcely find a better replacement than his brother Bernd, a fellow international, who will drop back to try to shackled dangerous Zurich forward Claudio Sulser.

Hogg, Willey may be unfit**England, Aussies limber up for Test**

PERTH, Dec. 12 (AP) — Australian fast bowler Rodney Hogg and English all rounder Peter Willey will have fitness tests in the nets Thursday when the teams hold their final work out for the Test starting here Friday.

Hogg, who rocked the Englishmen last summer when he took 41 wickets in six tests, is recovering from a back injury that forced him to miss the one day game against England in Sydney Tuesday.

Willey, who played a leading role in England's victory Tuesday, is nursing a strained leg muscle.

Both teams arrived in Perth at lunchtime Wednesday, but neither side practiced in the afternoon.

The rival captains decided that a complete rest was the best medicine after Tuesday's game and the flight from Sydney.

Hogg is particularly keen to prove his fitness and have another crack at the English batsmen.

If he plays, he will start with a psychological advantage: he took ten wickets in the second Test in Perth last December.

His victims in that match

included Graham Gooch and David Gower (Twice), Derek Randall, Geoff Boycott and Mike Brearley.

If Hogg is fit to play, it appears likely that Jeff Thomson will be named as 12th man.

This would allow Queenslander Geoff Dymock to bowl into the wind, which often blows a gale at this time of the year.

Captain Greg Chappell would then be able to use Hogg and Dennis Lillee with the breeze. He could also bowl his medium-pacer into the wind and use left-hand spinner Ray Bright from the same end.

The late inclusion of Peter Toohey for the injured David Hookes should provide a refreshing addition to the middle order batting.

Toohey, fresh from a brilliant century against Western Australia in a Sheffield Shield match here over the weekend, invariably bats well in Perth.

He has had 12 first class innings in Perth for 551 runs at an average of 50.09.

The England selectors are hoping that Willey will be fit because he is in such good form. In England's three recent Benson and Hedges one-day games he has scored 58 not out (against the West Indies) and 37 and 64 (against Australia). In the game with Australia he also took three for 33 and two for 18 with his off-spinners.

In Pakistan, two more players have reportedly been called in by the touring cricket team in India after five leading players of the team fell ill.

Karachi's English daily newspaper *Dawn* said Wednesday that batsman Haroon Rashid, a former Test player, and Ajaz Ahmad,

a medium-pace bowler, are being flown to India to play the Test at Bombay beginning Dec. 16.

On Hassett's shooting**Indiana edges Knicks**

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP) — Joey Hassett has become pro basketball's latest specialist, the Indiana Pacers' designated three-point goal shooter.

Hassett and his long-range shooting talent struck again Tuesday night. After sitting on the bench, he entered the game with the New York Knicks leading 113-110 and two seconds showing on the clock.

Hassett raced free behind a screen, took an inbounds pass from Phil Chenier and lofted a three-pointer from the left side that went through at the buzzer, sending the game into overtime.

The Pacers squandered a seven-point lead in the five-minute extra period but came back to win 124-122 on Alex English's 13-foot jumper with 46 seconds left.

In other National Basketball Association games Tuesday night, the Denver Nuggets defeated the San Antonio Spurs 127-121, the Phoenix Suns beat the Washington Bullets 123-99, the Chicago Bulls edged the Portland Trail Blazers 104-93 and the Seattle SuperSonics trimmed the Milwaukee Bucks 103-99.

George McGinnis scored 11 of his 35 points in the fourth quarter as Denver held off a San Antonio rally that cut a 34-point deficit to two in the closing minutes.

Paul Westphal scored 18 of his 27 points in the first half as the Suns dealt the Bullets their fifth loss in the last seven home games.

Reggie Theus scored 23 points and Mark Landsberger added 20

as Chicago won its third in a row and dealt the Blazers their ninth straight loss.

Guards Gus Williams and Dennis Johnson combined as Seattle beat Milwaukee. The Bucks were without all-star forward Marques Johnson, who has shoulder and back injuries.



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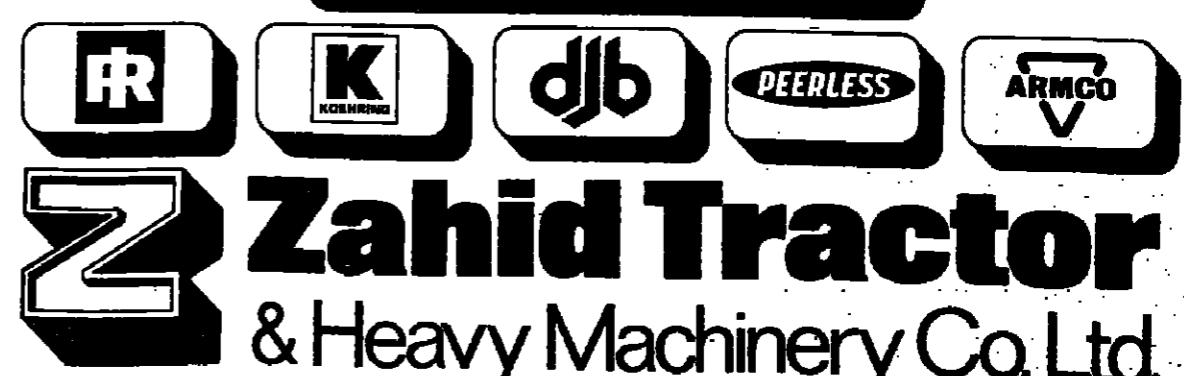
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Paraguay takes S. America Cup

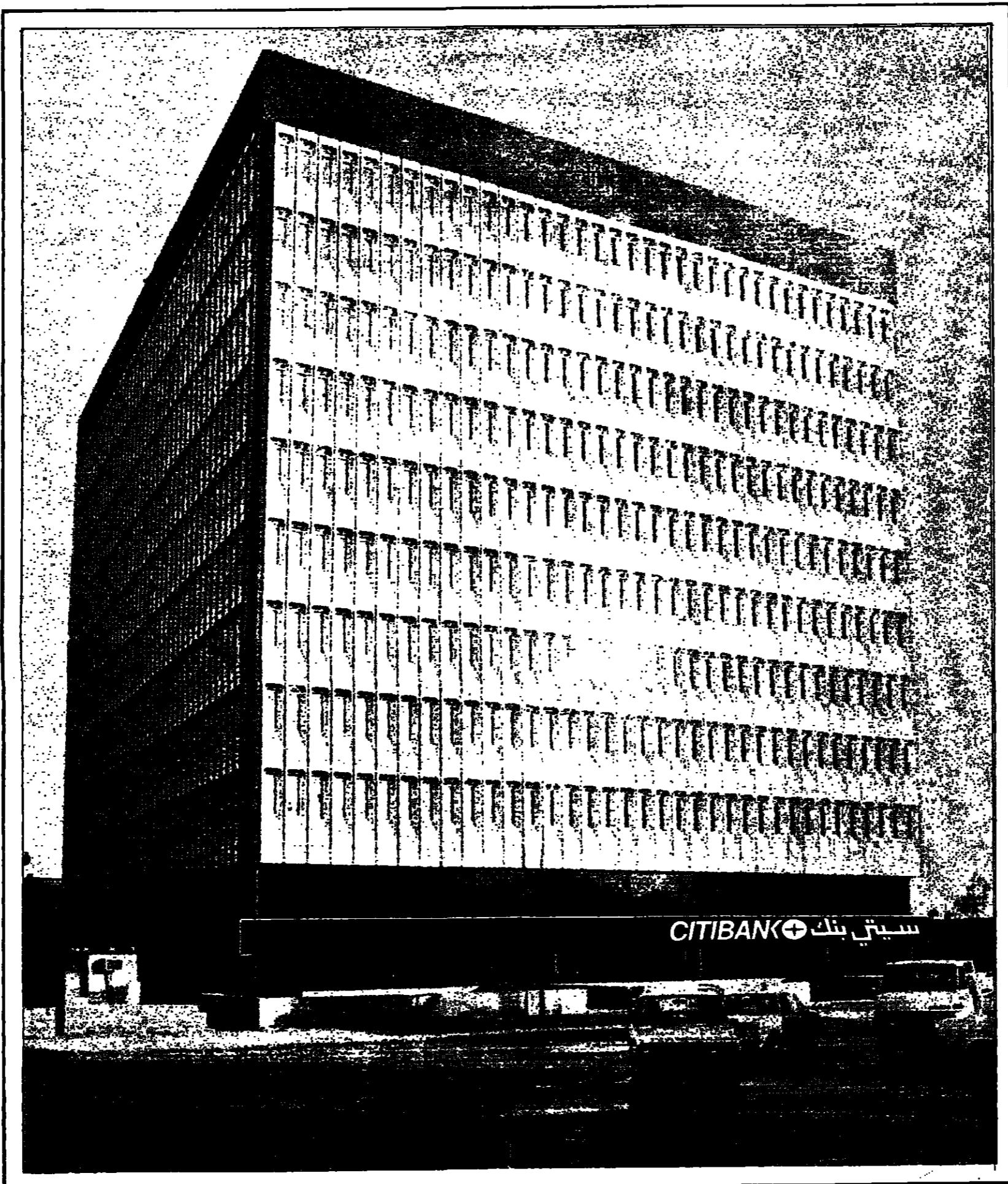
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 12 (R) — Paraguay won the South America soccer Cup Tuesday for the second time, playing out an untidy goalless draw with Chile to win the final on aggregate goals.

Paraguay won the first leg of the final in Asuncion, 3-0, and lost the second in Chile, 1-0.

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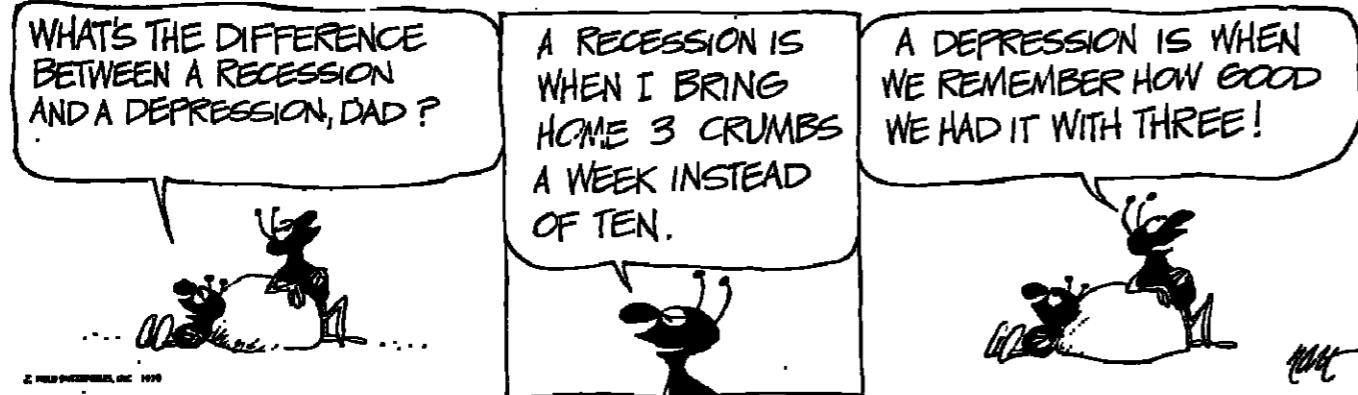
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12 Distinctive to 40 Lamentations	41 Repudiate
13 Align	41 Sales talk
14 Spanish money	2 Pianist
15 Detroit product	8 Well-guarded depository
16 Rhymester's adverb	9 Pickaback
17 Prince Valiant's son	10 Hero's love
18 Last king of Italy	16 Slippery
19 20th-century Caesar	18 Twining stem
21 Unconscious	5 Like certain stationery
22 Discourteous	6 Plain to see
23 Late Maxwell owner	23 At home plate
25 German engraver	24 Notable
26 Toward sheller	—
27 Headquarters	25 First lady
28 Whodunit author	Yesterday's Answer
29 Massenet opera	3 Sales talk
30 Southeast Asian people	8 Pianist
33 Morsel	9 Pickaback
34 Victory cry	10 Hero's love
35 — only (alleged)	16 Slippery

Yesterday's Answer

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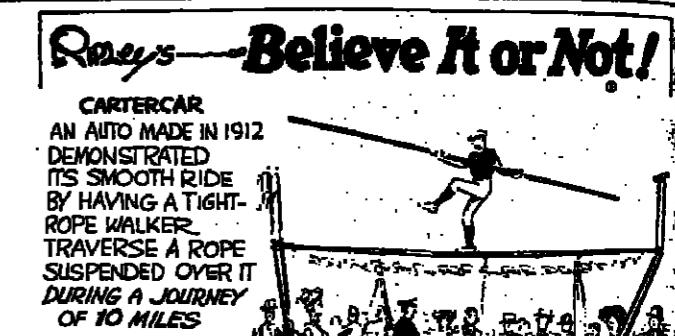
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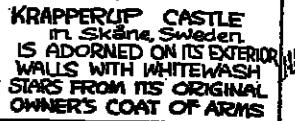
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and that to make the contract will have to avoid losing a trump trick.

This doesn't look like much of a chore, since the tricks are likely to be divided 2-2, but if South is a steady reader of this column, he makes allowance for the possibility of a 3-4 trump division.

This master cannot be ignored, since, if the spades are actually divided 3-4, the trump lead can be avoided by attacking the suit right away. Thus, if West has Q-4-5, leading the king expels the spade and West's potential trump trick, while it does him the Q-4-5, starting the trumps by leading the ace.

How does declarer remove the question of whether to play the king or ace first? Obviously, he doesn't just toss a coin; he starts looking for clues instead.

There are strong indications that West is not void of spades. With the A-K of diamonds and a void in spades as well, he would almost surely have overcalled the spade bid or doubled for takeout.

Declarer therefore plays the king of spades rather than a low spade to the ace and is rewarded for his caution when East shows out and renders West's queen worthless.

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News Summary	11:30 Music USA : (Jazz)
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1:50 Classical Music

10:00 Youth Welfare

2:20 Oz Islam

10:10 Music

2:30 Jazz Music

10:15 NEWS

3:00 NEWS

10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle

3:10 Press Review

10:30 The Evening Show

3:15 Music

11:00 World Classics

3:20 Islam The Divine Truth

11:10 —

3:30 A Selection of Music

11:15 African Music

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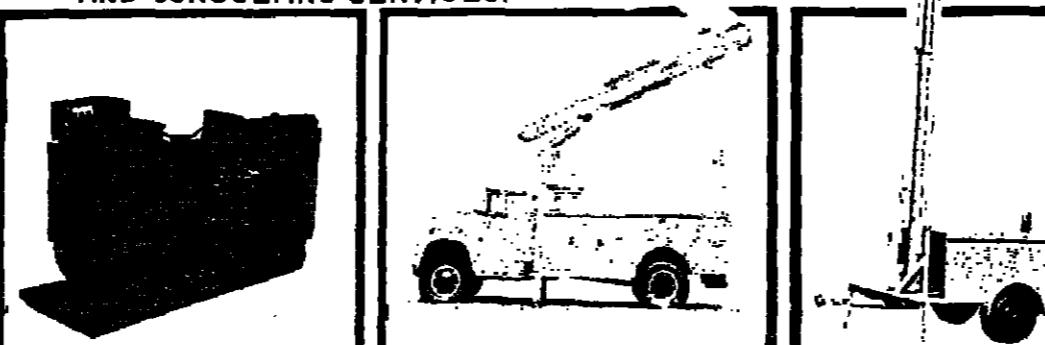
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Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

There is an unhappy tradition in some Arab countries of parents, with more political enthusiasm than sense, who call their new born children according to the political concerns of the moment.

Thus there must be now, years after men in their forties whose parents sided with the Germans during the world war, this was a fashion more to do with anti-British feelings than anything else — who go round now with names like Hitler. In fact a "Hitler" I knew had an application to a British University squashed because they thought he was being silly using such a name.

Lord Soames arrives

Britain takes control of Rhodesia



Ian Smith
11-week period after a ceasefire is declared. British-supervised elections will then choose the black leader of an independent Zimbabwe state.

But so far, ceasefire details have not been agreed on and Lord Soames could find himself embroiled in the seven-year-old hostilities, technically heading a government still at a state of war with the guerrillas.

Lord Soames' presence means that, after 14 years in revolt, Rhodesia has been restored to its legal status as the British dependency of Southern Rhodesia.

Punitive trade sanctions imposed because of UDI thus fell away.

Businessmen in Rhodesia say, however, that many of the sanctions imposed by the

Rhodesia

world community have been circumvented over the years. The main benefit likely to accrue from the end of the British and other embargoes is a gain of 15 to 20 per cent in foreign exchange earnings once sanctions-busting middlemen are cut out of Rhodesia's trade avenues with the rest of the world.

The Salisbury parliament Tuesday night paved the way for Lord Soames' assumption of the governorship dissolving itself and accepting a far greater degree of British rule than ever before.

Britain first took responsibility for Rhodesia in 1923 after it had been run since the 1890s by Cecil Rhodes' British South Africa Company. Rhodesia then became a self-governing colony, acting with few formal constraints from London.

Lord Soames, however, have full executive and legislative power and will rule by decree.

To support him, a 1,200-man Commonwealth force will be sent in a United States-sponsored aircraft to monitor the proposed ceasefire. The first aircraft were expected to start arriving Wednesday.

In a final gesture of defiance, Ian Smith, the former white premier who led the 1965 rebellion, boycotted the arrival ceremonies for Lord Soames.

Smith had been invited but did not attend, saying he had another appointment, according to British officials.

Camouflaged armored cars patrolled the runway as the governor's blue and white VC-10 touched down in front of the 200-man honor guard.

Carter approves military budget

NATO defense chiefs warn of Soviet threat



Harold Brown

ing by three to five per cent in real terms yearly, a target not all NATO members are meeting.

The defense ministers reaffirmed this goal, extending to 1986, represents "the essential underpinning for the alliance's efforts to improve its defense capabilities."

They say this is needed in view of the growing Soviet military power and to overcome the "major weaknesses" that persist within NATO.

Mumford said later these weaknesses include lack of adequate training, the low-level defense of airfields and the alliance's failure to attract skilled personnel able to handle increasingly sophisticated equipment.

"The manpower shortages are becoming very critical," Mumford told reporters saying NATO nations have to compete with the civilian sector for specialized personnel.

France and Greece did not participate in the defense ministers meeting but were to attend the two-day NATO foreign affairs ministers meeting Thursday. France left NATO's military system in 1968. Greece withdrew after the 1974 Cyprus invasion by Turkey.

The ministers emphasized in their two-page communiqué the need for NATO to demonstrate its political solidarity and robustness in the face of repeated attempts by the Soviet Union to undermine the resolve of the alliance and to prevent NATO from taking justified and adequate defensive measures."

The defense ministers agreed to increase their financial support for Portugal and Turkey.

In Washington President Jimmy Carter Wednesday approved a U.S. defense budget proposing 3.5 per cent "real growth" in military spending next year.

Administration officials said Brown would give senators a review of plans to increase defense spending by as large as \$20 billion in fiscal 1981 to strengthen overall U.S. military power.

A boost of this size in the \$137 billion defense budget for the current financial year represents an increase of almost five per cent inflation.

Carter previously pledged a three per cent increase in 1981, but five per cent was demanded by several influential senators as the price for supporting SALT II.

The SALT II treaty places limits on the number of missiles and other offensive arms the United States and the Soviet Union can keep and permits each to verify the other's performance.

Haughey takes office

DUBLIN, Dec. 12 (AP) — Sworn in as the Irish Republic's new prime minister after weathering a bitter parliamentary attack, Charles Haughey fired four senior ministers Tuesday night and appointed the country's first female cabinet member.

She is Maire Geoghan-Quinn, a 29-year-old junior minister who was promoted to take over the administration department.

The 54-year-old Haughey also signaled major switch in economic policy by abolishing the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, a brainchild of the old government to centralize long-range programs in Ireland's financial future.

Fears that Haughey, a hard-line Irish nationalist, would appoint a like-minded cabinet proved unfounded.

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On The Loose

By Michael J. Hall
Just bits and pieces today as it's cold and windy outside, and consequently I haven't much felt like venturing into the world. Cold???, you say. How can it be cold when the daily high temperature is in the 80s and at night it seldom dips below 70?

All a matter of what you're used to. I answer, and remember that when I got here more than a year ago I thought any day with a high in the upper 80s was so blazing hot that the only solution was a swimming pool and liberal doses of lemonade.

But, having finally gotten used to the climate in Jeddah, I'm presented with a problem. I'm due back in the U.S. in two weeks on leave, and if I think it's cold here, what is my reaction going to be with the 30-degree weather they're having right now?

I'm not going to take a position on the practice itself. My ears aren't pierced, but after all, you never know.

This story came to us from the far-off jungles of Brazil, where a West German film crew directed by a Werner Herzog (if he turns out to be famous, please forgive me) was shooting an \$8 million film on location in the jungles of the Amazon.

The director and his assistant had just finished shooting a scene from the film — based on the life of an Irish explorer — in which several hundred villagers attack the explorer's camp, burn everything in sight, and retreat.

The pair were seated in a temporary theater watching what I'm told in the movie business are called "rushes" —unedited bits of film shot that day, when a commotion outside brought a swift end to the viewing.

It seems residents of a neighboring village — apparently angered because they hadn't been asked to play extras in the attack scene — decided to update the story a little and launched a full-scale attack on the film crew's camp.

None of the crew members were hurt, but their props, cameras, equipment and film — worth a total of about \$40,000 — were completely destroyed by the machete and gun-wielding natives.

Herzog is apparently none the worse for wear after the experience. And it can't be said that it was a total loss. After all, when it comes time to shoot the battle scene again, he'll be able to direct it with complete authenticity.

Overheard during a recent election in Britain. It seems an intrepid young man, on his way to cast his ballot at the polls, was accosted by supporters of a candidate — we'll call him candidate A — and offered the pounds for his vote.

He hesitated just for a second, then took the money and assured the supporters of A that he'd cast his ballot on his behalf.

A few minutes later, still in transit, supporters of candidate B also stopped him and said they'd pay him five pounds for his vote. This, too, was duly promised, and the young man finally found his way to the voting booth, 15 pounds richer for his walk.

How did he finally vote? you ask. Did he disregard the money and vote what was left of his conscience? Did he vote for the candidate who'd paid him more?

Neither. A solid vote for candidate B. "He was only half as corrupt as the other fellow," the young man said.

In London, where a few years back teenagers were painting their heads green and sticking safety pins through their noses (to be popular with each other, apparently) a new flap over personal dress has arisen.

Two eight-year-old boys have been banned from school for wearing ear-rings. To precise, it's only one ear-ring each, but you get the point. And yes, I did say they were eight (8) years old.

The custom of males wearing a single gold ear-ring is obviously centuries old, and lately it has enjoyed somewhat of a revival in the United States as well as in the homeland of our Transatlantic cousins.

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West Zone scores high

PUNE, India, Dec. 12 (AP) — The Indian West Zone Wednesday scored a first inning lead of 34 runs against the touring Pakistan cricket team by declaring it 344 for three by reply to Pakistan's 310 for five on the second day of the three-day match.

Pakistan had scored 76 for one in the second innings at the close of play in 90 minutes.

Thursday is the last day of the match.

The scores: India West Zone first innings 344 for three declared.

Pakistan first innings 310 for five and second innings 76 for one.

Feinstein wins in San Francisco

Carter popularity now tops Kennedy

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter has moved ahead of Senator Edward Kennedy as their party's choice for the 1980 U.S. presidential nomination, the latest Gallup poll reports.

The survey, completed Friday, shows a dramatic jump in Carter's popularity as he became the choice of 48 per cent of the Democrats compared to Kennedy's 44 per cent.

In mid-October Kennedy led Carter by a two-to-one margin, and in the Nov. 16-19 poll, Kennedy led by a margin of 55 per cent to 36 per cent.

The president's increasing strength among the voters is due, at least in part, to Americans' support for his actions in the hostage crisis in Iran, and a renewed faith in his ability to lead the country, said officials of the respected Gallup Poll Organization. Seventy-five per cent of those surveyed approved of the president's handling of the Iran situation.

The poll, published in Wednesday's editions of the Chicago Sun-Times, also cites Kennedy's criticisms of the deposed Shah of Iran as a factor helping

the dramatic change of Carter's fortunes in the poll is the largest increase in a president's popularity in the last 40 years, except those following the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor and the signing of the Vietnamese peace treaty, poll officials said.

Meanwhile, in San Francisco Dianne Feinstein, the Democratic Party candidate, became The City's first woman mayor Tuesday night.

She won a run-off election.

Miss Feinstein, 46, became mayor by appointment a year ago when her predecessor, George Moscone, and another city official, Harvey Milk, were shot dead in their offices by a disgruntled former city council member.

Miss Feinstein, who was backed by President Carter, failed to win a majority in a big field of candidates in an election five weeks ago. In Tuesday's run-off she beat her nearest rival, fellow Democrat Quentin Kopp, by 122,233 votes to 87,226.

8.1 on Richter Scale

At least 50 dead in Colombia quake

BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 12 (AP) — A violent earthquake rocked the Colombia-Ecuador border area early Wednesday, leaving at least 50 persons dead, more than 200 injured and hundreds of homes destroyed in southwestern Colombia, according to reports from provincial authorities.

The earthquake came in three shockwaves about 3 a.m., which knocked out communications from many towns in southern Colombia. The Quito, Ecuador, observatory said the strongest shock registered 8.1 on the Richter Scale, the epicenter was 320 kilometers north of the Ecuadorian capital of Quito and 640 kilometers west of the Colombian capital of Bogota, the national geological office in Golden, Colorado, said.

A government agency report indicated damage was heavy and the death toll high throughout the region. Seventy per cent of the town of Charco was destroyed. Inderena, the equivalent of the Colombian interior ministry, said by radio-telephone.

There were 30 deaths in that town of 4,000 along Colombia's southwest Pacific Coast, said the report from Inderena, the equivalent of the Colombian interior ministry.

Most of the houses in Charco were built on stilts over a lake and were knocked into the water by

The earthquake was the second in three weeks to leave death tolls in Colombia. On Nov. 23 an earthquake, left 44 persons dead and more than 500 injured in Colombia.

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